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Each of the two documents cited in the International Search Report, which is a part of the published PCT application No. WO 2004/017034 A1 is listed on the PTO/SB/08a form. DE 44 19 395 A is discussed in the currently filed Substitute Specification. It is also accompanied by an English language abstract that was obtained from a commercial database.

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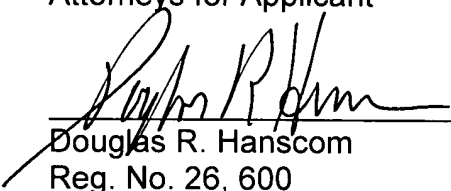
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Entry of these materials into the file of the subject U.S. patent application, and their consideration by the Examiner, is respectfully requested.

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